

REMARKS

The above-identified Application has been carefully reviewed with the Office Action of January 9, 2008, the Examiner's comments, and the prior art references cited therein in mind. In response thereto, claims 9 and 12 have been amended and are now believed to be in condition for allowance, along with the claims dependent therefrom. Claim 11 has been canceled. Favorable reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and consideration afforded during the telephone interview of June 12, 2008 with the undersigned. During the telephone interview, the Examiner agreed with the applicant's position that Newman did not supply the Great Britain reference, (GB 2061760), with the teaching that would render the presently pending claims obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the combination of the two references. Thus, the rejection has been withdrawn and in the telephone interview, agreement was reached as to the allowability of claims 1-8.

Claim 9 has been amended to include certain of the recitations of claim 11, the combination having been objected to in the previous Office Action, but indicated as being allowable if amended. This has been done with the instant Amendment.

CONCLUSION

With the amendments presented herein, it is believed that all the claims remaining in the Application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action in this regarding is hereby respectfully requested. Should there be any minor informalities remaining, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney so that this case may be passed to issue at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,


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